

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method of providing a container for storing an object to one of a plurality of different truck[s] types having two front wheels, two rear wheels and an engine compartment, the engine compartment in each of the plurality different vehicle types including a top hood, a front bumper disposed below the front hood, and a [front support] mounting bar disposed between a radiator and the front bumper, wherein the front bumper, the [front support] mounting bar, and the radiator are disposed in a same position relative to each other for each of the plurality of different truck types, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting the container, the container further including an exterior surface covering an inner cavity, and wherein a first support protrudes from the exterior surface of the container, the first support further including a first attachment mechanism, the first attachment mechanism disposed above the container and adapted to attach to the mounting bar, and wherein a second support protrudes from the exterior surface of the container, the second support further including a second attachment mechanism; and

inserting the container into the engine compartment of any one vehicle from the plurality of different truck types, the step of inserting including a first step of attaching the first attachment mechanism to the mounting bar, and a second step of attaching the second attachment mechanism to a back portion of the front bumper, wherein the first and second steps of attaching provide the container in a substantially level orientation, such that a bottom of the inner cavity is substantially parallel to a plane created by the two front and two rear tires.

2. **(Original)** The method according to claim 1 wherein the step of selecting further provides:

a first plurality of first supports that each protrude from the exterior surface of the container, the first plurality of first supports each further including a first attachment mechanism, the first attachment mechanism for each of the first plurality of first supports disposed above the container, adapted to attach to the mounting bar, and disposed in a parallel plane with each other; and

a second plurality of second supports each protruding from the exterior surface of the container, the second plurality of second supports each further including a second attachment mechanism; and

wherein the first and second steps of attaching attach the first plurality of first supports and the second plurality of supports to the mounting bar and the back portion of the front bumper, respectively.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the each of the first attachment mechanisms includes a U-shaped clip adapted to fit over a portion of the mounting bar.
4. (Original) The method according to claim 3 wherein each of the first attachment mechanisms further includes a fastener, the fastener adapted for insertion into a hole on the mounting bar.
5. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the each of the second attachment mechanisms includes a downwardly extending clip, such that the back portion of the front bumper becomes disposed between the clip and a front wall exterior surface of the container during the step of inserting, and the second attachment mechanisms are not rigidly attached to the back portion of the front bumper.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 5 wherein the first plurality of first supports protrude from opposite side exterior surfaces of the container, and wherein each of the first attachment mechanisms includes a U-shaped clip adapted to fit over a portion of the mounting bar.
7. (Original) The method according to claim 6 wherein the step of selecting further provides that a vertical distance between each of the first supports and each of the second supports is about 10 ¼ inches, and the exterior surface of the container with a maximum width dimension of 8 inches.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 7 wherein the step of selecting further provides the exterior surface of the container with outer dimensions of about 22 inches length and 10 inches height.

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9. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the first support includes two arms that each protrude from opposite side exterior surfaces of the container, and the first support extends above a top exterior surface of the container, such that the first attachment mechanism is disposed above the inner cavity of the container.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 9 wherein the first attachment mechanism includes a U-shaped clip adapted to fit over a portion of the mounting bar.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 9 wherein the first attachment mechanism includes a fastener, the fastener adapted for insertion into a hole on the mounting bar.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein the second attachment mechanism includes a downwardly extending clip, such that the back portion of the front bumper becomes disposed between the clip and a front wall exterior surface of the container during the step of inserting, and the second attachment mechanism is not rigidly attached to the back portion of the front bumper.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the second attachment mechanism includes a downwardly extending clip, such that the back portion of the front bumper becomes disposed between the clip and a front wall exterior surface of the container during the step of inserting, and the second attachment mechanism is not rigidly attached to the back portion of the front bumper.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 1 further including a step of placing an object into the inner cavity, and the step of placing places a tool and jumper cables into the inner cavity.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 14 wherein the step of selecting provides a container with a top lid adapted to fully enclose the inner cavity and capable of being opened to expose the inner cavity; and

wherein the step of placing the object includes the steps of:  
opening the top lid of the container;

inserting the object into the inner cavity; and  
closing the top lid of the container.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 15, further including the step of locking the top lid after the step of closing the door.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 16 wherein the step of locking includes the step of randomizing a combination of a combination lock.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 16 wherein the step of locking uses a key.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of inserting further includes the step of opening the hood prior to the first step of attaching.

20. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of different truck types are selected from a group comprising Dodge RAM trucks from 2002 and older.

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for storing a[n] plurality of articles under a hood of a motorized vehicle, the motorized vehicle having two front wheels, two rear wheels and an engine compartment, the engine compartment including a top hood, a front bumper disposed below the top hood, and a [front support] mounting bar disposed between a radiator and the front bumper, the apparatus comprising:

an article storage container including an exterior surface that covers an inner cavity, the inner cavity adapted for storing the article, the article storage container including a top opening that allows for the insertion and removal of the plurality of articles;

a first support protruding from the exterior surface of the article storage container, the first support further including a first attachment mechanism, the first attachment mechanism disposed above the article storage container and adapted to attach to the mounting bar, and

a second support protruding from the exterior of the article storage container, the second support including a second attachment mechanism, the second attachment mechanism adapted to attach to a back portion of the front bumper, wherein the first and second supports are adapted to

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maintain the container in a substantially level orientation, such that a bottom of the inner cavity is substantially parallel to a plane created by the two front and two rear tires.

22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 21 further comprising

a first plurality of first supports that each protrude from the exterior surface of the article storage container, the first plurality of first supports each further including a first attachment mechanism, the first attachment mechanism for each of the first plurality of first supports disposed above the article storage container, adapted to attach to the mounting bar, and disposed in a parallel plane with each other; and

a second plurality of second supports protruding from the exterior of the article storage container, the second plurality of second supports each further including a second attachment mechanism, the second attachment mechanism for each of the second plurality of second supports disposed in a parallel plane with each other, and adapted to attach to a back portion of the front bumper.

23. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 22 wherein the each of the first attachment mechanisms includes a U-shaped clip adapted to fit over a portion of the mounting bar.

24. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 23 wherein each of the first attachment mechanisms further includes a fastener, the fastener adapted for insertion into a hole on the mounting bar.

25. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the each of the second attachment mechanisms includes a downwardly extending clip, such that the back portion of the front bumper becomes disposed between the clip and a front wall exterior surface of the article storage container.

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 25 wherein the first plurality of first supports protrude from opposite side exterior surfaces of the article storage container, and wherein each of the first attachment mechanisms includes a U-shaped clip adapted to fit over a

portion of the mounting bar.

27. **(Currently Amended)** The apparatus according to claim 26 wherein a vertical distance between each of the first supports and each of the second supports is about 10 ¼ inches, and the exterior surface of the article storage container has a maximum outer width dimension of 8 inches.
28. **(Currently Amended)** The apparatus according to claim 27 wherein the exterior surface of the article storage container has outer dimensions of about 22 inches length and 10 inches height.
29. **(Currently Amended)** The apparatus according to claim 21 wherein the first support includes two arms that protrude from opposite side exterior surfaces of the article storage container.
30. **(Original)** The apparatus according to claim 29 wherein the first attachment mechanism includes a U-shaped clip adapted to fit over a portion of the mounting bar.
31. **(Original)** The apparatus according to claim 29 wherein the first attachment mechanism includes a fastener, the fastener adapted for insertion into a hole on the mounting bar.
32. **(Currently Amended)** The apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the second attachment mechanism includes a downwardly extending clip, such that the back portion of the front bumper becomes disposed between the clip and a front wall exterior surface of the article storage container during the step of inserting, and the second attachment mechanism is not rigidly attached to the back portion of the front bumper.
33. **(Currently Amended)** The apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the second attachment mechanism includes a downwardly extending clip, such that the back portion of the front bumper becomes disposed between the clip and a front wall exterior surface of the article storage container during the step of inserting, and the second attachment mechanism is not rigidly attached to the back portion of the front bumper.

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34. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 21 further including a top lid adapted to fully cover the top opening and enclose the inner cavity and capable of being opened to expose the inner cavity.

35. (Original) The apparatus according to claim , further including a lock to lock the top lid.

36. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 35 wherein the lock is a combination lock.

37. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 35 wherein the lock is a key lock.

38. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 37 wherein the lock uses a same key as an ignition key for the vehicle.

39. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 37 wherein the lock uses a different key than an ignition key for the vehicle.